

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 21 are pending in the application. Claims 22-26 were added by Applicants in the Amendment and Response filed on June 12, 2002. The Examiner asserts that the amendment to the claims does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) because Applicants have provided new claims 22-26 although claims 22-23 were canceled in the preliminary amendment. The examiner further states that claim 26 is dependent upon canceled claim 23.

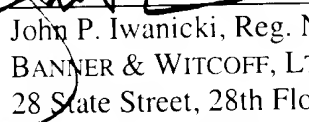
In response, Applicants have amended the claims under consideration to correct inadvertent typographical errors in the claim numbering and to correct claim dependencies. The amendments presented herein contain no new matter. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims captioned "Version of Amendments With Markings To Show Changes Made."

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration and allowance of the case. To the extent the Examiner believes that it would facilitate allowance of the case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version of Amendments with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

[22] 24. (Amended) The compound of claim 5 wherein the phosphorothioate is selected from the group consisting of alkyl phosphorothioate, cycloalkyl phosphorothioate, and phosphorodithioates.

[23] 25. (Amended) The compound of claim 8 wherein the intercalating agent is a substituted acridine.

[24] 26. (Amended) The compound of claim 13 wherein the intercalating agent is a substituted acridine.

[25] 27. (Amended) The compound of claim [23] 25 wherein the substituted acridine is selected from the group consisting of 2-methoxy-6-chloro-9-pentylaminoacridine, N-(6-chloro-2-methoxyacridinyl)-O-methoxydiisopropylaminophosphinyl-3-aminopropanol, and N-(6 chloro-2-methoxyacridinyl)-O-methoxydiisopropylaminophosphinyl-5-aminopentanol.

[26] 28. (Amended) The compound of claim [24] 26 wherein the substituted acridine is selected from the group consisting of 2-methoxy-6-chloro-9-pentylaminoacridine, N-(6-chloro-2-methoxyacridinyl)-O-methoxydiisopropylaminophosphinyl-3-aminopropanol, and N-(6 chloro-2-methoxyacridinyl)-O-methoxydiisopropylaminophosphinyl-5-aminopentanol.